

brought his children with him to make their home with their grand-mother, who lives in Wayne county, this state.

Bro. S. W. Wilt reports a good work in the Prosperity church, West Virginia.

The brethren at Roaring Springs, Pa., are after Bro. J. H. Swihart. They want to hold a protracted meeting we suppose.

Send in your orders for the Annual now. We will try and make it worth what it costs, ten cents.

A sister writes: I was very much surprised to see in the pay list for the College one hundred dollars from Harleysville, Pa. I thought there were but two in the township that were not enemies to that side of the line, but sometimes we are mistaken. I will stop and hope and pray that much good may be done yet, as dark as it looks to us sometimes. Often when the dark clouds pass away the sun shines out more clearly than before. With my best wishes I close." Never mind the dark clouds. We all have our duty to perform before God and man, and nothing should swerve us from it. It gratifies our feeling to look upon great successes as the result of our toil, but the eternal reward is no greater. The reward is according to our works, and not according to the character and extent of the success that results from them. If the reward depended upon the results, then the faithful prophets and holy men of old who wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, and lived in dens and caves of the mountains because it was impossible to accomplish the will of God in any other way, will have a poor reward, for notwithstanding their warnings, Israel continued on in sin until they were overthrown by the direct interposition of God. The Lord desires his faithful servants to work on, and if driven out of one place they are to flee to another. If all could only fill themselves with the belief that it is a duty they have to discharge, then there would not be so much discouragement among the Lord's children, and they would not be concerned about the dark clouds. O how soon will we all be able to fully realize that endless life and immortal glory is our reward, and have an eye single to that desirable prize, and not be so deeply concerned about the earthly results of our labors? A minister may be very successful in gathering souls into the church, but who knows how many will live faithful and sleep in Jesus?

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

I am glad to note your editorial "Too Foolish." I hope your contributors may profit by its timely and well stated advice. The greatest of earth are very small when compared with all mankind in history and life. May your paper be mighty in truth, but weak in praise, or belittling of men.

L. J. HARRISON.
Lanark, Ill., Nov. 25, 1886.

Our prayer meeting is now among the things of the past. It being very stormy only eleven of the brethren and sisters met at the Lord's house. All joined in public prayer, and all went home feeling that it was good to have been there.

We have decided to have Bro. Brown deliver a lecture on California, at this place, Saturday evening, Dec. 4th, after which we expect to take up a collection, and the money received will go to the "Home Mission Fund."

Brethren and sisters remember us at Homer in your prayers.

S. C. GARVER.
Homer, O., Nov. 19, 1886.

DEAR BRO.:—As all churches are requested to send in their donations for the College or at least to gather it today, and then send, I will say the Lancaster church was canvassed and every member gave 50cts. So please accept of our little mite which is one dollar for myself and wife. If some others will pay according to their income as

we have, you will have more than enough.

J. G. and C. K.

Dear Bro: Do not be discouraged. There is a better time coming for earnest workers. Jesus has said that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his kingdom, and you will find his kingdom in that heart which acknowledges that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, by his daily walk and conversation. Oh, when I think of the rapid prosperity of Zion since she has come out of the wilderness, I say there is no room for despairing, for God has always blessed his people when they would obey him.

WALTER CLARK.

Wheatfield Items.

On the 20th, the brethren commenced a meeting in Warren Co. Continued over Sunday and at night the following week. Bro. E. B. Shaver is coming to preach for us, Sunday the 28th, and Sunday night at Coal Mine. Hope he will continue several nights at this place. I think if he would several would follow Christ. We have prayer meeting at Laurel Hill every Sunday night. I am glad to say my pa, ma, sister, brother-in-law and myself, belong to the Brethren church. I was fourteen years old when I came in the church. I never will regret the step I took.

We had a splendid meeting this summer at Laurel Hill. It was the first time we have had a lovefeast here. It was an encouraging meeting to the young people. I hope it will not be long till I can say I have two brothers working for Christ.

ALICE L. PANGLE.

News Along the Lines.

Prosperity of the churches.—On Saturday, the 13th inst., in the evening, I met with the saints at Linkville, Marshal Co., Ind., and preached for them that evening, Sunday at 10:30 A. M., and Sunday evening. Had fair congregations. The church being in a good, healthy condition, the prospects are good for a grand ingathering when we hold our protracted meeting. On Monday, started for Roan, Wabash Co. Was joined by my wife as I passed through Tiosa, who accompanied me to the latter point to attend our Love Feast, which was indeed a feast of love. Here we were joined by our esteemed brother Noah Heeter, of Akron, and Bro. W. W. Summers, of North Manchester, and Bro. John Fox, of Peru, Ind., and with them quite a delegation of our beloved brethren and sisters from each of the above named points. On Lord's day, the 21 inst, occupied our home pulpit at Tiosa, and was greeted by an unusually large congregation. Order and interest was splendid, and the future prospects are bright. By special invitation I will assist the brethren at Bunker Hill in a series of meetings. Pray for us brethren, that the word of the Lord may have free course and that souls may be brought to acknowledge Christ and enlist in His cause. More anon.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

Westmoreland County Items.

Our business meeting on the afternoon of the 12th, passed off very nicely. No business transacted further than making ar-

rangements for our Love feast. This being done we went down to the water where prayer was offered and baptism administered. Sunday the 14th, we met at half-past ten A. M. for public preaching. After the sermon, consecration services by prayer and laying on of hands took place. After this the meeting was closed and we again repaired to the water and two sisters were baptized. At half past three o'clock prayer and social meeting, closing with consecration services. The tables were prepared and when all was ready, the bell was tolled and the exercises of the evening commenced. First a season of prayer then feet-washing, the supper and the communion; all passed off in the most pleasant manner. Our meeting closed before eight o'clock and I can truthfully say that it was one of the most pleasant I ever enjoyed. The house was full but not uncomfortably crowded.

Brother Wampler bid us goodbye and started for Huntingdon county. We continued our meeting during the week and closed on Sunday evening the 21st with a full house.

Our thanks are due Miss Annie Miller, daughter of Wm. H. Miller, and the family for a donation made. Also, we thank brother and sister Myers and brother and sister Bennett for favors.

STEPHEN HILDERBRAND,
Jones Mills, Pa.

The Milford Church.

I notice in the EVANGELIST of Nov. 24th, an article headed, "The Mark of the Beast."

The article appears to be aimed at the Grace Church of Milford and its most worthy members. As regards the Grace church of Milford, it is built with good solid brick, and roofed with good slate, the object being durability. The spire is also covered with slate, the same object being in view, durability. The inside work consists of good oak seats, the ends are finished with walnut. The writing desk is made of walnut and can be raised or lowered to suit the convenience of the speaker. The windows are of cut glass, the object being to avoid curtains. The stoves are of the ordinary kind as you can find them in all places of business throughout the country. The carpet is a very cheap, common article. Therefore I cannot see how any man with good common sense can take exceptions to a church of this kind. As regards the sister's costly apparel, I ask any one to place his finger on, or point out one of our members that supports anything in the way of dress that is contrary to the teachings of Christ and his apostles. The writer insists we should be a separate people: this we claim we are, and by the help of God will put forth every effort according to his word to gain this great end. As to being unequally yoked together with unbelievers, we are not; we are a unit in faith and good works. We have all been baptized into Christ, have put him on and by his help intend to fight for the faith once delivered to the saints.

A MEMBER.

Our Thoughts.

We think it the duty of every member of the Brethren church to heed our worthy Editor's de-

sires in the last No. of the EVANGELIST, entitled "Our Wants." We think that many of our members are much less interested in the welfare of our paper than they should be. We think many of our members enjoy many of the luxuries of life that our Editor deprives himself of that he may make our paper as good as it is possible on his part. He is often at his desk long after most of us have retired for the night and is up in the morning, breakfasted and off to the Publishing House before many of us are out of bed. We think that if each member of the church would do his duty toward enlarging the circulation of the EVANGELIST during the months of December and January, much good might be done. Our Editor would be encouraged, our paper made better and many who know us not would learn of us and come and go with us to that "Better Land" Where it is one bright summer always, And storms do never come."

Remember Brethren, that we all have a work to do; that each one must work out his own salvation with fear and trembling. Show people the paper, tell them it is the organ of the only church which extends to its members the means of obeying all the gospel without traditions and mandates of men mixed with it. If they will not subscribe for one year, ask them to subscribe for at least four or six months and many of them will allow their subscription renewed. Thus you may be the means of sowing much good seed, that may bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God. We will pledge ourselves to secure at least one new subscriber, even if we have to pay the subscription ourselves, and will send the paper at least four months to some poor family who are out in the cold world away from Christ. How many will do likewise? Brethren and sisters let us show our faith by our works.

SILAS E. SHOOK.

A Case of Cross-Bearing.

The average Christian so much misunderstands cross-bearing it may be useful to give an illustration. Here is a case in point: One of the native converts to Christianity at Uganda, Africa, has been burned to death because he ventured, as a favorite page, to remonstrate with the king for killing Bishop Hannington.

Cross-bearing does not consist in the performance of such duties as praying in one's family or leading the public prayer. That is privilege. To call such cross-bearing is as if the eagle should complain of the wing that bears him above the storm. Cross-bearing implies such devotion to Jesus as that we collide with the world at the expense of pain or peril. The law of the kingdom on this subject is not obsolete, and can not be, until the carnal mind ceases to be enmity against God. It is not yet. The world has its fire and fagots for the faithful still, and this is true in America as well as Africa. If any one doubts this, let him try being a genuine Christian one day. But, "if we suffer with Him, we shall be also glorified together."—*Southern Christian Advocate.*

The chief properties of wisdom are to be mindful of things past, careful of things present, provident of things to come.

Letter of Condolence.

E. MASON,
Farmersville, Ohio.

MY DEAR BRO:—I learned the sad news of the death of your wife through the EVANGELIST. I can assure you of my sympathies. Hope God will give you Christian fortitude to bear the loss. O how I feel for your poor children now motherless. But God will provide a way. I am rejoiced to learn that she had borne her affliction with the fortitude of a Christian, and retained her faculties to her last moment, yielding her breath in full peace of mind, and convinced that she was leaving this earthly state for a better and a happier in another world. I close hoping God will be with you in this, your sad affliction. Your Bro. in the Lord.

SIMON MIKESSELL.

Iowa City, Ia., Nov. 28th, '86.

A Letter of Sympathy to Bro. Mason.

On last Monday I received a letter from Bro. Mason announcing the death of his dear companion. It was a great shock to me and all of their friends here. Although I never saw her but once, none knew her here but to love her. It is sad for us to give up our near and dear friends, but while it is our loss it is their gain. How happy we ought to be when we know our friends are ready to go to that better land, where there is no more parting, neither sickness nor death. When I was a little boy I used to think God was not good when he took any of my friends to the other world. But I thank God I learned better as I grew older. I long for the time to come when we can all meet in that happy land over yonder. Brother Mason has the heartfelt sympathy of us all in his sad bereavement.

W. T. HARRISON.
Pleasant Hill, O.

Wise Sayings About Books.

A taste for books is the pleasure and glory of my life. I would not exchange it for the glories of the Indies.—*Gibbon.*

In my study I am sure to converse with none but wise men; but abroad it is impossible for me to avoid the society of fools.—*Sir William Waller.*

If the crowns of all the kingdoms of the empire were laid down at my feet in exchange for my books and my love of reading, I would spurn them.—*Fenelon.*

When there is no recreation or business for thee abroad, thou mayest have a company of honest old fellows in their leathern jackets in thy study which will find thee excellent diversion at home.—*Thomas Fuller (died 1661)*

Thanksgiving Offerings for the College.

Daniel Myers.....	1.00
Mary Mills.....	3.40
Nan Breakison.....	1.00
Laura Snider.....	1.00
Laura Slotter.....	5.00
Sister.....	2.50
Mary Keim, (Note).....	50.00
J. G. Kline.....	1.00

Cook Wanted.

The Ashland College Boarding Hall is in need of a good cook now. Any sister or any other woman who is suited to the place will find easy work, a pleasant place, and reasonable wages. Address Martin Shively, Ashland, Ohio.